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This paper is being filed in response to the Examiner's telephone call of July 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the instant application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Claims 1-28 are pending in the instant application. Claims 16 and 27-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-15, 17-19, 22, and 24-26 have been amended. These amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed at, *inter alia*, claims 1, 3-15, 17-19, 22, and 24-26, respectively, and, therefore, do not constitute new matter. Claims 29-35 have been added. These new claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed at, *inter alia*, claims 1 & 28, 28, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 25, respectively, and, therefore, do not constitute new matter. Claims 1-15, 17-26, and 29-35 will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment.

The Examiner's telephone call to Guy F. Birkenmeier on July 15, 2003 indicated that one or more typographical, clerical or other errors may be present in the claims. The Examiner indicated that the claims were difficult to construe and invited Applicants to review the claims accordingly. Applicants have reviewed the claims and amended the claims to correct certain typographical or clerical errors and clarify the subject matter claimed. No amendment made herein is intended or believed to narrow the scope of the claims. No subject matter has been surrendered by these amendments.

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request prompt favorable action on the merits.

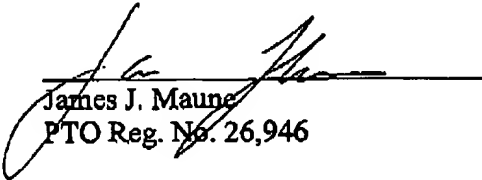
Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to deduct the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c). Applicants do not believe that any fees additional are required with this

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Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees not otherwise enclosed herewith to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Two copies of a Fee Transmittal sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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